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Because the references listed on attached Form PTO-1449 is in a language other than English, Applicants submit the following concise statements of relevance:

CN 2541223 Y: This reference appears to relate to a vehicle suspension having a leaf spring coupled to the vehicle frame at opposite ends and to an axle beam intermediate the opposite ends, an arm coupled at opposite ends to the vehicle frame and to an axle beam with each end below the leaf spring, and a shock absorber coupled between brackets extending from a frame rail and the axle beam.

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